

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented) An electronic camera, comprising:
a body;
a control part provided to the body, the control part being operated by a user;
a wireless communication device which transmits image data,
wherein the wireless communication device further transmits operation information corresponding with operation of the control part to an external apparatus to remotely control the external apparatus, and
wherein the wireless communication device transmits at least one of the image data and the operation information when the camera is within a predetermined distance of the external apparatus;
a storing device that stores identification information for specifying the external apparatus;
a specifying device that specifies the external apparatus from the identification information stored in the storing device; and
an enciphering device that enciphers, according to the identification information, at least one of the image data and the operation information.

2 - 9. (Canceled).

10. (Previously Presented) The electronic camera as set forth in claim 1, wherein the control part comprises an operation key.

11-19. (Canceled).

20. (Previously Presented) The electronic camera of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication device automatically initiates communication with the external device without

any action by the user when the camera is within a predetermined distance of the external apparatus.

21.-25. (Canceled).

26. (Previously presented) The electronic camera of claim 1, wherein the wireless communication device establishes a connection with the external apparatus prior to transmitting image data.

27. (Previously presented) The electronic camera of claim 26, wherein once the connection is established with the external apparatus, the electronic camera transmits image data to the external device upon receipt of a request for transmission of image data.

28. (Previously presented) The electronic camera of claim 27, wherein the external device is a personal computing device.

29. (Previously presented) The electronic camera of claim 1, wherein the camera automatically selects a device to connect to and, upon receipt of request to transmit image data, the wireless communication device transmits image data to the external device.

30. (New) An electronic camera, comprising:

a body;

a control part provided to the body, the control part being operated by a user;

a wireless communication device which transmits image data,

wherein the wireless communication device further transmits operation information corresponding with operation of the control part to an external apparatus to remotely control the external apparatus, and

wherein the wireless communication device transmits the image data and the operation information when the camera is within a predetermined distance of the external apparatus;

a storing device that stores identification information for specifying the external apparatus;

a specifying device that specifies the external apparatus from the identification information stored in the storing device; and

enciphering device that enciphers, according to the identification information, the image data and the operation information.

31. (New) The electronic camera of claim 30, further comprising:

an operating part setting the electronic camera in a sleep state after a taking operation,

wherein when the digital camera comes within a predetermined distance of the external apparatus and when the wireless communication device receives a request from the external apparatus for communication, the operating part sets the electronic camera in an operating mode and responds to the request from the external apparatus based on the identification information of the external device stored in the storing device,

wherein the operating part sets the sleep mode and the operating mode without interaction from a user, and

wherein the wireless communication device transmits the image data and without interaction from the user.